(e) how many graduate teachers there are in the Secondary Department?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Not entirely. Efficient work, superior qualifications, requirements of particular institutions are among the other considerations.

(b) Not in every grade nor at all times.

(c) No such salary has been fixed. No such assurance can be given, but due consideration will be given to higher qualifications.

(d) Not fixed.

(e) 249.

79. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any preference will be given to teachers trained in Industries and Agriculture in giving promotions;

(b) whether they will be given a higher starting salary than what is given to other teachers?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Preference will depend on good work and not merely on training.

(b) The question of starting salary does not arise since only those already in service are selected for training at Sirkar expense.

Transfer of teachers.

80. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the principle followed in transferring teachers from one place to another, if any principle is followed in this matter;

(b) the names of graduate teachers who have not been transferred for the last 5 years?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Transfers are generally made in the interests of schools or of teachers.

(b) There are many graduates who have not been transferred because there was no necessity or because they were in charge of special subjects or institutions, e. g., the Principal and Professors of Maharaja's College.

The preparation of the list called for would involve great labour and may not serve any useful purpose.

Half-time system in schools.

81. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table a list of (a) aided schools and (b) Sirkar schools in which half-time system has been introduced and state what will be the amount saved last year by the introduction of the system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Two lists (a) and (b) are placed on the Council Table.

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The saving on account of aided schools is roughly Rs. 38,000 and of Sirkar institutions Rs. 3,060.

Chief Court Judges.

82. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of—

(1) Caste-Hindus
(2) Non-Caste Hindus
(3) Christians
(4) Jews
and (5) Muslims

who held the office of the Judges of the Chief Court from the beginning of its constitution till now, or, if that is not possible, as far back as information is available ?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The figures for the period from the date of the constitution of the Chief Court till now are—

(1) Fourteen.
(2) Nil.
(3) Eight.
(4) Nil.
(5) Nil.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why Judges from other communities have not been appointed in the Chief Court ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Mr. Sankara Menon, the Member in charge of that Department, is unfortunately absent, and there is none in a position to give the necessary information.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am putting the question to the Government, and there is the Government to answer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the question will be repeated, I will try to answer if I can.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why Judges from other communities have not been appointed in the Chief Court ? From the answer it is clear that Christians and Caste-Hindus only have been the Judges in the Chief Court. What is the reason for that ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Most probably applications from men of other communities may not have come or even if received they might not have been considered suitable.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government call for candidates ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They do not call for specific applications.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then how do they fill up the vacancies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Even without calling, applications do come. If they do not get in sufficient numbers, they will necessarily call for them.

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